

West Virginia Health Care Innovation Initiative  
December 4, 2013  
One Davis Square, Conference Room 134  
Meeting Notes

**In Person Participants:**

Karen Bowling, Secretary, DHHR  
Jeremiah Samples, DHHR  
Nancy Sullivan, DHHR  
Molly Jordon, DHHR  
Chris Clark, GOHELP  
Julie Palas, GOHELP  
Anne Williams, WV DHHR/Bureau for Public Health  
Harry Tweel, Cabell-Huntington Health Department  
Helen Matheny, West Virginia Healthy Lifestyle Coalition  
Arnie Hassen, WV School of Osteopathic Medicine  
Richard Wittberg, Mid-Ohio Valley Health Department  
Thom Stevens, Government Relations Specialists  
David Jude, Marshall University SOM, OB/GYN  
John Wiesendanger, WVMI and Quality Insights  
Fred Earley, Highmark Blue Cross Blue Shield of WV  
Bob Whitler, CAMC/Partners in Health Network  
Dan Lauffer, Thomas Health Systems  
Ted Cheatham, PEIA  
Dave Campbell, WV Health Improvement Institute  
James Becker, Bureau for Medical Services/Marshall University  
Kenneth Devlin, Bureau for Medical Services  
Lorenzo Pence, WV School of Osteopathic Medicine  
Janine Breyel, WV Perinatal Partnership  
Vickie Jones, Bureau for Behavioral Health and Health Facilities  
Linnet McCann, Thomas Memorial Hospital  
Jamie Jeffrey, CAMC/KEYS 4 Healthy Kids  
Nancy Atkins, Bureau for Medical Services  
Linnet McCann, Thomas Memorial Hospital  
Laura Boone, Higher Education Policy Commission  
Sara Murray, Cabell Huntington Hospital/Lily's Place  
Jane Cline, Spilman, Thomas & Battle  
Michael Adelman, WV School of Osteopathic Medicine  
Jim Nemitz, WV School of Osteopathic Medicine  
Wayne Miller, WV School of Osteopathic Medicine  
Debrin Jenkins, West Virginia Rural Health Association  
Byron C. Calhoun, WVU-Charleston Department OB/GYN

**Conference Call Participants:**

Robert Roswall, BOSS  
Renate Pore, WV Center on Budget and Policy  
Louise Reese, WV Primary Care Association  
Perry Bryant, West Virginians for Affordable Health Care

Sarah Woodrum, WVU, School of Medicine  
Alan Ducatman, WVU, School of Medicine  
Lesley Cottrell, WVU, School of Medicine  
Phil Weikle, WVHIN  
Jim Pitrolo, WV Health Care Authority  
Tony Gregory, WV State Medical Association  
Jason Roush, Bureau for Public Health, Office of Maternal, Child and Family Health  
Sarah Chouinard, Community Care of WV  
Michael Prewitt, Marshall University

Secretary Bowling opened the meeting and welcomed everyone in attendance. The Collaborative is being created to work with the evaluation that was done by Public Works. The Governor is committed to this collaborative. She stressed that this initiative is not to duplicate but to bring everyone to the table and work together to make things happen. She wants DHHR to be a resource and to be able to bring in stakeholders to help make WV a healthier place to live.

The Collaborative will:

- Develop clear goals
- Identify root causes
- Identify opportunities to improve quality
- Solicit support
- Access current programs
- Review recommendations from work groups and serve on at least one work group
- Initiate and guide programs
- Be poised to take advantage of federal resources

Secretary Bowling turned the meeting over to Jeremiah Samples, DHHR. Mr. Samples shared a powerpoint presentation with the group.

The Mission:

To establish a brain trust of foresighted individuals that will work in a cooperative, encouraging and supportive manner to explore and develop programs to improve our quality of life by enhancing our health care system

Proposed Working Groups:

- Healthy WV Working Groups- Better Health
  - Encourage healthier lifestyles
  - Improve maternal and newborn health
  - Manage chronic conditions
  - Increase access to behavioral health
  - Promote health care decision planning
- Medical Advisory Working Groups- Better Care
  - We have access to quality, results-oriented care
  - Right place, right time
  - Community medical homes/care teams
  - Quality care teams

- Payment Advisory Working Groups- Lower Cost
  - Care is cost effective
  - Identify duplication of services
  - Reduce preventable hospitalizations
  - Identify opportunities for shared services
  - Explore alternate payment methodologies

The work groups will:

- Complete an environmental scan of the current landscape
- Explore options for programs and funding
- Meet with stakeholders to understand their issues and priorities
- Engage appropriate professionals

Anne Williams, Bureau for Public Health shared information on the Public Health Infrastructure Initiative.

A question and answer period followed.

- Consider other components of state government such as Highways, Education, Commerce, Economic Development, etc. Bring them to the table.
- Decide best way to share information
- Participants were asked to write down their top three health priorities and to identify which work group they would like to participate in.
- Write down names of people that you would like to have invited to participate in the Collaborative
- Work groups will meet on an as needed basis and report back to the collaborative.
- The Collaborative will meet again in January.